

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, AUGUST 31, 1944

The Board of Public Works met on August 31, 1944, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor
 J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller
 Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of June 30, 1944, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

ARCHITECTS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board letters from Mr. E. H. Glidden, Jr., and Mr. Frederic A. Fletcher, requesting consideration in connection with the assignment of architects for work to be on on postwar projects of the State of Maryland.

Mr. Glidden's letter was referred to Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker for their consideration.

The Board authorized the employment of Mr. Frederic A. Fletcher for the architectural services required in connection with the work included in Schedules A and B of the postwar program of the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development for the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls at Glen Burnie, Maryland. Mr. Lawrence Hall Fowler had been previously selected for this work but was unable, because of illness, to accept the assignment.

BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board letters which had been received from several oil companies who are interested in obtaining leases from the State as to property owned by the State in connection with operations they propose conducting in their efforts to locate oil in the State of Maryland.

After discussing the matter, it was decided that Dr. Joseph T. Singewald, Director, Department Geology, Mines and Water Resources, should be familiar with anything the State might do in the matter and that his advice should be sought in connection with anything which might be done by the State. It was decided to refer all inquiries to Dr. Singewald so that he might be kept informed as to the situation and be able to advise the Board from time to time. It was also felt that the Board should ascertain what authority it might have in connection with entering into leases with oil companies in connection with their operations in the State, and it was decided to submit the matter to the Attorney General for his advice.

BONUS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. W. Lee Elgin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, who requested consideration as to the payment of bonus to Mr. Paul J. Lowry, who had been with that department for 15½ years and resigned at the close of business on June 30, 1944.

After due consideration it was decided that Mr. Lowry could not possibly be eligible for the "bonus" or additional compensation payable to employees in the State service on July 1, 1944.

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

Upon recommendation of the Comptroller the Board approved payment of refunds in the usual manner covering the following items:

1- From Miscellaneous Appropriation #2, Item #18 -

Licenses(Real Estate)		\$25.00
Howard S. O'Neill	\$25.00	
Recordation Tax		10.90
Farm Credit Administration of Baltimore	10.90	
Title Tax		179.72
Ernest Harry Lindburg	29.39	
Ship's Service Dept.-U.S. Training Station, Bainbridge	79.62	
Lois Alice & Morris Lee Harry	6.82	
Melrose Cleaners	6.94	
Leslie D. Phelps	11.08	
Anthony Pinto	24.74	
Ship's Service Dept.-U.S.N.T.C.- Bainbridge, Md.	21.13	

2- From Budget of State Tax Commission, Item #208-C -

Corporation Taxes		\$121.84
Service Trucking Co., Inc.	\$ 5.08	
Beauty Shops, Inc.	10.01	
Kenwood Bldg. Loan & Savings Association	10.15	
General Conference Corporation of Seventh-Day Adventists	25.53	
Powhatan Mining Co.	30.56	
Chesapeake Construction Co.	25.38	
Corderman-Contrill, Inc.	5.11	
Maryland City Builders, Inc.	10.02.	

CONVENTIONS:

The Board approved request of Dr. L. M. Kantner, Secretary, Maryland Board of Pharmacy, for authority to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, September 7 and 8, 1944, at Cleveland.

The Board authorized representation of the State of Maryland at the meeting of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions to be held in Boston on September 10th to 14th by one member of the Commissioners of State Accident Fund and one member of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

The Board formally approved attendance at conventions in the following instances where verbal approval to such attendance had been given prior to this meeting:

- 1- Request of Col. Beverly Ober, Superintendent, Maryland State Police, to attend meeting of International Association of Chiefs of Police, August 14, 15, and 16, 1944, in Cleveland; and Capt. Ridgely.
- 2- Request of Secretary of State Wm. J. McWilliams to attend the annual meeting of Secretaries of State, August 21, 22, and 23, 1944, in Cincinnati;
- 3- Request of Mr. Joseph H. A. Rogan, Chairman, Department of Correction, to attend the War Production Board Institutional Food Conference, at State College, Pennsylvania, August 2nd and 3rd, with one other member of the Board of Correction.
- 4- The Board approved request of the Comptroller that Mr. John P. Mannion, of the Gasoline Tax Division of his office, be permitted to attend the North American Gasoline Tax Conference, to be held in St. Louis from September 17th to 20th, 1944.

The Board approved payment of expense account of Mrs. Helen DeCorse McArthur, Superintendent of The Women's Prison, in attending meetings held in Cumberland Hagerstown on April 11th and 12th, 1944; and in New York City on November 18 to 21st, 1943, out of the 1944 budget of the Women's Prison, in the amount of \$50.00.

The Board approved payment of the expense accounts of J. E. Wood and George H. Triece, of the State Roads Commission, in attending the A.S. T. M. Meeting held in New York on June 26 to 29, 1944, in the amount of \$184.94

Mr. Kirkman submitted to the Board a request from Dr. R. V. Truitt, Department of Research and Education to attend three meetings during the fiscal year 1945. This request was referred to Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker for investigation and report to the Board.

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board that he had received requests for authority to attend conventions from numerous State Agencies during the 1945 fiscal year. The Board restated its policy of limiting attendance at conventions to one such meeting a year for any department and the representation of any department to one person, and requested Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker to thoroughly investigate the requests for authority to attend conventions, already received, and make a report of their findings at the next meeting of the Board.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION:

The matter of purchase of additional farm land for the Maryland State Penal Farm, which came before the Board at the last meeting, was referred at that meeting to a committee consisting of Mr. Miles, Mr. Kirkman and Mr. McCusker, for investigation and report. The committee visited the Maryland State Penal Farm on August 30th and looked over the William C. Kershner and the Barbara E. Adams properties, on which the Board of Correction had obtained options.

The Kershner property consists of 81 acres with the usual improvements; the assessed value of this property is: Land-\$3,945.00 and Buildings-\$2,225.00, or a total of \$6,170.00; and the appraised value is \$7,047. The option obtained calls for a purchase price of \$8,000.00.

The Adams property consists of 133 acres with the usual improvements; the assessed value is - Land, \$5,095.00 and Buildings, \$1,555.00, or a total of \$6,650.00; and the appraised value is \$7,425.00. The amount of the option is \$9,000.00.

The appraisals in both cases were made by Mr. John R. Swain for the Board of Correction through Mr. James H. Grove, a member of the Board.

The committee was unwilling to approve the purchase of the two properties believing that the fact that they do not adjoin the property of the Maryland State Penal Farm, being nearly two miles in one instance from the barns of the State Farm, and a good part of the surface area of one farm being covered with out-cropping of rock and the improvements being poor, make them undesirable as an addition to the property of the State Penal Farm, especially when it was learned that other properties adjoining the State property and being more logically suited for the State's purposes were available.

The Committee recommended that the Board of Public Works not approve the request of the Board of Correction that it be authorized to purchase the Kershner and the Adams properties, and that consideration be given to the purchase of other land located more suitably for the operations of the State Farm.

The report of the committee was adopted by the Board.

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISH:

The Board approved the request of the Department of Game and Inland Fish for authority to allow \$100.00 per year to Deputy Game Wardens for the depreciation on personally-owned automobiles, such depreciation allowance to come from the budget of the Department of Game and Inland Fish, and is applicable to Regional and District Wardens.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board communications dated August 2nd and August 22nd from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, requesting authority to write-off from his books the cases of Charles Susanen and of Vaugh A. Hutson, in the amounts of \$100.75 and \$10.75, respectively. A full report in each case was also submitted for the consideration of the Board.

The request of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was approved.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

The Secretary discussed with the Board a matter which had been brought to his attention by Mr. E. Lee Kries, Chief Engineer, that of purchasing part of the lot adjoining the State Power House which the State has been using during the past two seasons for the storage of coal. At the present time the lot is being rented and has a temporary fence to hold the coal, but since Mr. Kries feels that it would be very desirable to get as much coal in during the summer months as possible and stored rather than to depend on coal being delivered weekly as was the case prior to the war emergency, it was felt that if this land could be bought, it would be possible to provide the proper storage space with a permanent wall built to enclose the coal.

The Board thought well of the matter and suggested that information be obtained as to whether it would be possible for the State to buy the land from the owner, and the Secretary was instructed to obtain any information possible in connection with the prospective purchase of the land.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a list of proposed repairs, changes, etc., in connection with the mechanical equipment in the various State Buildings in Annapolis, part of the changes representing repair work which seems to be essential at this time and which would cost approximately \$18,300., and the other work being very desirable and something which would undoubtedly have to be done at some later date if not done now. The cost of this new work was estimated at \$19,000.00.

After reading the list of the various items of repairs and new work, and ascertaining that funds are available in allotments in past bond issues for improvements and repairs to State Property in Annapolis, the Board approved the doing of the work outlined in the statement, and that Mr. James Posey, Engineer, be employed to take care of the work of preparation of plans and specifications, and the supervision of the work.

DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION:

The matter of office space and hearing room in Baltimore for the Division of Parole and Probation was discussed, but no action was taken relative to authorizing the rental of such space in Baltimore.

ESTATE OF STAFFORD RAMBO:

The Board took up for consideration the bill of Kirlin, Campbell, Kickox, Keating & McGrann, of New York City, in the amount of \$4,793.98, covering services and expenses incurred in connection with the interest of the State of Maryland in the Estate of Stafford Rambo.

The Board approved the transfer of this amount from the General Emergency Fund of 1945 to the budget of the State Law Department so that payment of the account might be made..

EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL:

The Secretary reported that settlement had been made, through the State Law Department, for the property known as the Linden Dairy Farm adjoining the Eastern Shore State Hospital, as an addition to the property of the hospital, in accordance with the previous action of the Board in this connection.

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Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board an offer for the sale to the State of 37 acres of land, with improvements, adjoining the Eastern Shore State Hospital, at a price of \$12,000.

The offer was not considered because the Board was of the opinion that the State owns enough land at this time for the purposes of the hospital.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Chief Judge Ogle Marbury, Court of Appeals of Maryland, requesting an allotment of \$2,100 from the General Emergency Fund to supplement the budget of the Maryland State Board of Law Examiners so that adequate compensation might be paid to the members of that Board to cover the work done by them in the fiscal year 1944, when the number of applicants for admission to the Bar was much smaller than usual and where the receipts were insufficient to continue payment to the members of the Board of the sum of \$2,000, each, for their annual services. The request for an allotment of \$2,100 was based on each member being compensated in the amount of \$1,000 for his services rather than \$2,000 as had been customary in the past.

The request was approved.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Dr. Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., Director, Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, advising that the stream gaging station with a recording gage which has been maintained on the Patuxent River near Burtonsville, was no longer useful at that point and that it should be moved to a point on the Patuxent River near Laurel just below the new pumping station of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. The cost of moving the station is estimated at \$3,000, of which the United States Geological Survey would contribute one-half, provided the State contributes the remaining one-half. Dr. Singewald urged the Board to provide the necessary \$1,500 as the State's share of the cost of moving the station.

The Board approved the request and authorized the transfer of \$1,500.00 from the General Emergency Fund of 1945.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board authorized the transfer of \$1,677.85 from the General Emergency Fund to the budget of The Miners Hospital to take care of the payment of obligations of the hospital which it was not possible to pay during the fiscal year 1944 because of lack of funds in that year.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved an allotment of \$2,600.00 to Montrose School for Girls from the General Emergency Fund of 1945, to take care of certain repairs and equipment necessary for the heating plant at that institution.

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The Board approved an allotment to the State Industrial Accident Commission of \$1,455.00 from the General Emergency Fund of 1945, to give effect to the Standard Salary Scale during that fiscal year for the employees of the Commission.

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Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request from Rosewood State Training School for an allotment of \$10,500 from the General Emergency Fund of 1945 to take care of the following items:

Water connection	\$6,500
Repairs to ice making plant	2,000
Medical and laboratory equipment	1,700
Educational, Vocational and Recreational	300.

The Board approved an allotment of \$8,500 to take care of the first two items but advised Mr. Kirkman that the institution should take care of the other two items through an amendment to its 1945 budget.

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The Board approved a request submitted by Mr. Kirkman for an allotment of \$5,000 from the General Emergency Fund of 1945 for the use of the State Planning Commission in making a study of higher educational institutions in the State. The Board withheld approval to their request for an allotment of \$5,000 for continuing the work of the Committee on Medical Care pending receipt of further information.

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Mr. Kirkman advised the Board of a request received from the Maryland Training School for Boys for an allotment of \$32,825.00 from the General Emergency Fund of 1945 for the operation of the Security Unit which has recently been completed, for the period September 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945. The Board stated it would be necessary to make an allotment to take care of this expense but requested Mr. Kirkman to check up on the estimated cost and submit the usual amendment to cover an allotment.

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Mr. Kirkman submitted the budget for the State Aviation Commission for the fiscal year 1945, totaling \$9,672.00. The Board approved an allotment of that amount from the General Emergency Fund of 1945.

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The Board approved an allotment of \$4,793.98 to the State Law Department from the General Emergency Fund of 1945, as set forth in these Minutes under the heading "Estate of Stafford Rambo".

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. W. D. Owens, State Employment Commissioner, requesting an allotment of \$4,050.00 to take care of the expense of employing three Junior Stenographers at \$1,150.00 per year, and desks, typewriters, chairs, and lamps, at a cost of \$600.00, to take care of the increased amount of work of the Department of State Employment and Registration due to the Surveys of Departments, Payroll Auditing, Standard Salary Board work, etc.

The Board approved the request of the State Employment Commissioner.

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Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the transfer of \$347.00 from the General Emergency Fund of 1945, to the budget of the Maryland Veterans' Commission to make the Standard Salary Scale effective.

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The Board approved an allotment of \$4,050.00 to Morgan State College from the General Emergency Fund of 1945 to provide that institution with sufficient funds to continue the employment of additional personnel in the fiscal year which were originally authorized in 1944.

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Mr. Kirkman submitted a request from the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources-Bureau of Mines, for an allotment from the General Emergency Fund of 1945 of \$1,000 to take care of the cost of travel in connection with the work of testing solid fuel scales.

The Board approved this request.

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The Board approved, upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the transfer from the General Emergency Fund of 1945 of \$315.00 to the budget of the Maryland State School for the Deaf, in order that the Standard Salary Scale might be effective during the fiscal year 1945 at that institution.

HALL OF RECORDS:

The Board approved request of Dr. Morris L. Radoff, Archivist, Hall of Records, for authority to publish the Ninth Annual Report of the Archivist, at an estimated cost of \$75.00.

LEASES:

The Board authorized the execution of renewal leases in the following instances:

- Commissioner of Labor and Statistics - Huldreich Egli, for three years at \$3,600.00 per year, being 400 St. Paul Street and 12 East Mulberry Street, Baltimore. 10-30-44.
- Board of Mental Hygiene - Safe Deposit and Trust Company, for one year At \$1,500.00 per year, being Rooms 511-515 Professional Building, Baltimore. 9-30-44.
- Commissioners of the State Accident Fund - Calvert Building and Construction Co., for one year at \$5,604.00 per year, being 639-661 Calvert Building and basement storage space, Baltimore. 9-30-44.
- Unemployment Compensation Board - O'Sullivan Building, Inc., for one year at \$38,614.00, being 926 to 936, 955 to 957, and 1234 to 1248, inclusive, O'Sullivan Building, Baltimore. 8-31-44.
- State Department of Education - Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company, for one year at \$7,200.00, being 1108-12, 1114 and 1115-17 of the Lexington Building, Baltimore. 9-30-44.
- Teachers' Retirement System - Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Co., for one year at \$1,392.00, being 911 Lexington Building, Baltimore. 9-30-44.
- Employees' Retirement System - Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Co., for one year at \$828.00, being 910 Lexington Building, Baltimore. 9-30-44.
- Board of Public Works - Union Trust Company of Maryland, for two years at \$22,200.00 per year, being space on the 5th, 7th, 9th, and 10th floors of the Union Trust Building, Baltimore. 9-30-44.
- State Athletic Commission - Union Trust Company of Maryland, for one year at \$600.00, being 612 Union Trust Building, Baltimore. 9-30-44.

The Board approved the execution of a renewal lease for the rental of Camp Ritchie to the Federal Government at a rental of \$1.00 per year, the lease being executed by Brig. Gen. Francis Petrott, on behalf of the State of Maryland.

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board communications from Taylor and Fisher, architects, relative to the construction work to be done at Morgan State College under the program of the Maryland Commission on Postwar Reconstruction and Development, as approved by the Board of Public Works. The Board formally approved the appointment of Messrs. Taylor and Fisher for architectural services on the several projects included under Schedules A and B of the program approved by the Board at its meeting of December 2, 1943, as follows:

Women's Dormitory	\$160,000.00 (previously assigned)
Gymnasium	268,000.00
Completion of Power Plant	45,000.00
Service tunnels	50,000.00
Water lines	15,000.00
Lighting equipment	25,000.00
Recreational areas	4,000.00.

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The Board authorized the employment of Mr. Frederic A. Fletcher for the architectural work required in connection with the postwar program of the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development, under Schedules A and B of that Commission's plan, for the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, as follows:

Addition to Administration Building	\$50,000.00
Farm center group of buildings	26,700.00
Cottage for 50 persons	108,560.00.

Mr. Lawrence Hall Fowler had previously been selected for this work but due to illness was unable to accept the assignment.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc., of Long Island City, New York, recommending their services in supplying aerial photographic maps for planning purposes, etc.

The Board suggested that the communication be referred to the Post-War Reconstruction and Development Commission for any consideration which that Commission might desire to give it.

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The Secretary submitted a statement showing the status of the Post-War Construction Fund as of August 28, 1944, summarized as follows:

Appropriation	\$2,000,000.00
Plus:	
Balance transferred at June 30, 1944,	
from the War Emergency Fund	265,530.63 ^
Balance transferred at June 30, 1944,	
from the General Emergency Fund	420,416.14 ^
Balance transferred from Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development	4,606.42 ^
	<u>\$2,690,553.19</u>
Less:	
Expenditures to August 28, 1944	<u>98,847.80</u>
Balance available August 28, 1944	<u>\$2,591,705.39</u>

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The Board approved payment of bill of E. Wilson Booth, architect, in the amount of \$9,374.39, being 20% of the 6% fee, or 1.2% on the estimated cost of \$781,199.50 for the Eastern Shore Chronic Disease Hospital to be erected at Salisbury, Maryland.

The Secretary reported to the Board that payment had been made to Mary Virginia Weisner in the amount of \$40,000 and that the State had received through the office of the Attorney General a deed to the property known as "Deer Head Park" at Salisbury, Maryland, as a site for the Eastern Shore Chronic Disease Hospital. The deed has been filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County for recording.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the County Commissioners for Calvert County in which the Board was advised of plans for post-war work in that county and requesting that it be advised whether the State will pay one-half of the cost of 3% based on the estimated cost of work for the preparation of plans and specifications.

The Secretary was instructed to refer the letter to the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development for attention.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board communication dated August 15, 1944, from Mr. Charles M. Bandiere, Chairman, Sub-Committee on Budget, of the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development, and a further letter dated August 29th, 1944 and copy of letter written to Mr. Kirkman by Mr. R. B. White, Chairman of the Commission, on the subject of the State's proposal for contributing toward the cost of preparation of plans and specifications for work to be done by the counties and municipalities of the State as part of the post-war program, and the Commission's budget for the fiscal year 1945.

The Board did not take any action to change its offer of payment of 50% of the cost of preparation of plans and specifications on the same basis that the State pays architects employed by it for the preparation of plans and specifications for State projects in the post-war program. This matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development should be contacted with a view to having some understanding as to a limitation to be placed upon the maximum amount which the State might be called upon to pay for architectural services for projects which might be developed by the counties and municipalities.

The Board considered the matter of salaries to be paid the Executive Director and the Field Representative of the Commission and agreed to compensate the Executive Director for the work done for the Commission on a monthly basis at the rate of \$208.33 per month and to compensate the Field Representative on a monthly basis at the rate of \$500.00 per month, both compensations becoming effective September 1, 1944, payable from an allotment from the General Emergency Fund of 1945.

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Mr. Kirkman submitted to the Board for its review sketches prepared by Mr. C. H. Hebrank, architect, covering alterations, etc., of the State Tobacco Warehouse for use by the Department of Budget and Procurement for offices and warehouse, as a part of the State's post-war program.

The Board indicated its approval of the preliminary drawings submitted.

MARYLAND OLD LINE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS' HOME:

Mr. Kirkman submitted a memorandum on the services to be performed by Mr. O. E. Adams in connection with adapting the old Confederate Soldiers' Home, at Pikesville, for use as headquarters barracks for the Maryland State Police.

The Board approved a fee of \$1,300.00 to Mr. Adams for the survey to be made by him but did not approve payment of an architectural fee of 7½% to be paid on any construction work which might be authorized to be done since the State is able to obtain architectural services covering both the

preparation of plans and specifications, and supervision of the work, at a cost of 6% of the amount of the cost of construction.

MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR COLORED GIRLS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission requesting a conference with the Board of Public Works to discuss and, if possible, to arrive at a definite conclusion regarding the disposal of sewage from the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, near Glen Burnie, Maryland.

The Secretary had also received a letter from Mr. Kirkman, on the same subject, in which it was indicated that the State Department of Health estimated the cost of the sewer line to be \$38,000.00. Mr. Kirkman called attention to the fact that the State installed, several years ago, a water line from the school to Glen Burnie and that it was understood at the time that as houses were built along the line and connected with the water line which the State had installed, the State would be reimbursed for the connections made to the new houses. Up to the present time the State has not received any reimbursement for the connections made to the water line.

No action was taken on the request of the Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission for a conference with the Board, but it was decided that some inquiry should be made to ascertain why the State has not been reimbursed for the connections made to the water line which it installed.

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The Board, upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, approved the expenditure of \$2,153.13 for repairs at the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, the funds being available from previous Bond Issues.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Kirkman submitted a request from the Military Department for authority to expend \$9,348.23 from Bond Issue Funds available to that department for repairs to certain armories throughout the State.

The request was approved.

NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD MORTGAGE:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Attorney General Wm. C. Walsh, with copy of petition for condemnation filed by the government relative to the acquisition by the United States Government of the building on St. Paul Street, Baltimore, in the vicinity of the Pennsylvania Railroad Station which the government is acquiring, along with some adjacent buildings, in connection with expanding the operations of the Post Office Branch which is in operation at that point. The petition filed by the government apparently relates to any taxes which might be due the State by the Northern Central Railroad Company, which might be a lien on the property. The Attorney General advised that there may be some question whether the petition filed by the government is sufficient to involve the State's mortgage but that this is a technical question and if the State is satisfied that the remaining property covered by the mortgage is sufficient, there would seem to be no reason for filing more than a formal answer.

After a full discussion of this matter it was agreed that any action taken by the government in connection with condemnation of the property in question could not possibly have any affect of reducing the equity the State has in the property of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to guarantee the annuity of \$90,000 which the State receives from that company, and that there would be no point in taking any action at this time to raise any question regarding the State's security for the payment of the annuity. Therefore, the Board was agreeable to the suggestion of the Attorney General that there seems to be no reason for our doing anything more than file a formal answer and the Secretary was requested to advise the Attorney General accordingly.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:State Teachers College - Salisbury

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the use of \$1,058.82 by the State Teachers College at Salisbury for the purchase of new draperies for the auditorium of that institution, payment to be made from funds available from previous bond issues.

STATE EMPLOYEES:

The Secretary advised the Board that the period covered by the extension of sick leave authorized at a previous meeting for Adelbert Lawson, Guard at the Maryland House of Correction, was from May 4th to June 1st, 1944, at which latter date Mr. Lawson was retired from the State service.

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The Board approved an extension of sick leave for a three months' period from July 25th to October 25th, 1944, in the case of Fred W. Caspari, employe of the State Department of Health.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board correspondence with Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, relative to an extension of sick leave in the case of Dr. C. L. Everson, of the Livestock Sanitary Service, who contracted undulant fever.

The Board felt that any authority it would give in this case would have to be limited to the provisions of Chapter 987 of the Acts of 1943 and that Dr. Byrd should submit specific information relating to Dr. Everson's illness the same as is supplied to the Board of Public Works in all other cases. The Board is also of the opinion that the authority for extension of sick leave given in Chapter 987 of the Acts of 1943 applies to unclassified and classified employees alike.

STATE PROPERTY:

Mr. Kirkman reported the following disposition of unusable supplies and equipment by the state agencies indicated.

- 1- Sale of a 1940 Packard Car owned by the Department of Motor Vehicles to John Myerly Company, Hagerstown, in the amount of \$1,375.00.
- 2- Disposal of certain broken and worn out equipment at the Miners Hospital, and the sale of one urinal for \$38.00.
- 3- Disposal of 93 motorcycle batteries by the Maryland State Police for \$50.00.
- 4- Disposal of scrap iron to H. Klaff & Co. at 75¢ per hundred pounds by the Maryland House of Correction.

Mr. Kirkman further reported the sale of surplus property by the State Roads Commission as follows:

- 1- Worn out tires and tubes to Morgan K. Bennett, Chestertown.
- 2- Silver Flash Belt to County Commissioners of Garrett County for \$1,050.
- 3- Adams Grader to County Commissioners of Garrett County for \$200.00 and a Russell Pull Grader for \$25.00.
- 4- Three D.C. Motors to the Maryland House of Correction for \$26.00, two to Eastern Shore State Hospital for \$20.00, and two to the Roland Electric Co. for \$2.00.
- 5- Six junk tires to Jacob W. Cohen & Son, Easton, Md., for \$.98.

and, the elimination of 30 worn out tar drums from inventory records.

The Board approved Mr. Kirkman's action in the disposition of the above listed properties.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL:

The Board approved the request received from the University Hospital that it be authorized to accept the compromise settlement offered for the bill due by Mrs. Lena MacDougallin the amount of \$431.70 for the sum of \$300.00, and authorized the Comptroller to approve such a settlement, with the State Law Department to file an Order of Satisfaction in the matter.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

The Board approved request for authority for the Live Stock Sanitary Service to write-off from their books accounts in the amount of \$98.09 which were found to be uncollectible.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, relative to the employment of three Japanese women in the University. Dr. Byrd asked whether the action previously taken by the Board of Public Works would have any affect on the employment of these three women, all of whom have been employed by the University for sometime prior to the action of the Board in connection with the employment of Japanese.

The Board stated that its previous action related to the employment of Japanese prisoners of war, and could not have any bearing on the employment of Japanese who have come into the service of the University of Maryland in the usual manner.

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The Board had before it for consideration the Working Budget submitted by the University of Maryland for the fiscal year 1945.

The budget shows that it includes as funds available to the University for the year a balance of \$45,729.42 which was unexpended and unobligated at the end of the fiscal year 1943 (June 30, 1943) and which was reverted to the State Treasury on the books of the Comptroller's Office and that there is also included the sum of \$77,913.58 of money which was unexpended and unobligated at the close of the year which ended June 30, 1944, which although not actually reverted on the books of the State Comptroller's Office was being held in a suspension item pending action to be taken regarding it by the Board of Public Works at the meeting to consider approval of the Working Budget of the University of Maryland for the fiscal year 1945.

The Board decided that it was in conformity with the provisions of the Budget Law that the 1943 balance of \$45,729.42 was reverted and that the unexpended and unobligated balance of \$77,913.58 in the 1944 budget should likewise be reverted. Accordingly, the Board disapproved the allowance of the unexpended balances in the 1943 and 1944 budget in the General Funds available to the University in its 1945 Working Budget.

The Board stated that it would be willing, at a later date in the event of any apparent deficit in the 1945 accounts of the University, to consider a request for an allotment of money from the General Emergency Fund of 1945 to provide for such prospective deficit, but that until the point was reached during the 1945 fiscal year where it could be reasonably contended that a deficit was imminent the Board would be unwilling to make an allotment from the General Emergency Fund.

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL:

The Board approved, upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the payment of bill of Eiser and Akers in the amount of \$591.35 by the Rosewood State Training School covering consulting engineering services rendered that institution during 1943.

MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR COLORED GIRLS:

Mr. Kirkman submitted a request from the Maryland Training School for Girls for authority to expend \$1,950.00 of funds available in the 1941 Bond Issue for repairs to the heating plant and the installation of a stoker.

The Board approved this request.

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL:

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board that Rosewood State Training School is desirous of spending the sum of \$15,990 for water connection, repairs and hospital bills.

The Board requested Mr. Kirkman to investigate these items and bring the matter up for attention at the next meeting.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION:Overtime

The Board approved request of the State Roads Commission that it be authorized to compensate the employees of the Accounting Department for overtime work at the usual rate of pay which will have to be done in connection with preparing statements, etc., for the federal government in connection with money contributed by the federal government for road construction in the State of Maryland. It was not possible to employ temporary or emergency personnel to do this work and since the work to be done would be regarded as more than could reasonably be expected of employees without compensating them for it and it is necessary, in order to satisfy the requirements of the federal government, for submitting the information which is required to be furnished, it was agreed that the employees should be compensated for the extra time which will be required of them in performing the work.

LEASES:

The Board authorized the execution of the following leases, upon recommendation of Mr. Kirkman.

State Department of Education - Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company, for one year, from October 1, 1944, at \$720.00 per year, being Room No. 1102 of the Lexington Building, Baltimore.

University of Maryland - East Side Men's Club, Inc., Salisbury, Maryland, for one year from May 5, 1944, at \$480.00 per year, being the first floor of the T. J. Truitt Building, East Church Street and Railroad Avenue, Salisbury, Maryland, for the use of Farm Labor Warehouse, Emergency Farm Labor Program, Extension Service of the University of Maryland.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

Mr. Kirkman called attention to the fact that it would be necessary to provide some part-time accounting service for the State Department of Health in connection with complying with the requirements of the federal government in connection with Emergency Infant Medical Care program. Mr. Kirkman stated that a Field Auditor of the State Department of Public Welfare would be able to take care of this additional work if compensated for it and that the cost would be \$9.00 per day, on the basis of \$1.50 per hour.

The Board approved the payment of such additional compensation to the Field Auditor who would perform this service.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board of the actual amounts required in the following instances for transfer from the General Emergency Fund to the budgets of the State Departments listed, for which approval was given earlier in the meeting in larger amounts.

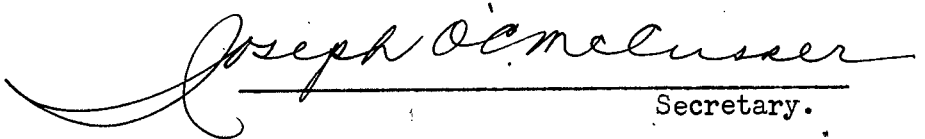
✓The Miners Hospital	\$1,073.00	(1944)
✓State Employment Commissioner	3,477.00.	

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board that the budget for 1945 for the Maryland Commission on Post-War Reconstruction and Development would require an allotment of funds to the extent of \$23,288.00. The Board approved the transfer of the following funds to the budget of that Commission.

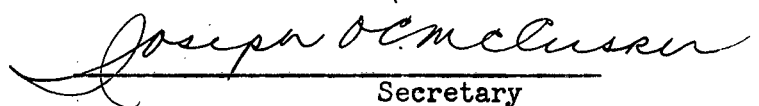
Post-War Construction Fund	\$16,410.42
General Emergency Fund	6,877.58.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved request of the Maryland State Police for authority to purchase 3.2 acres of land, adjacent to the Waldorf Barracks at a cost of \$800.00, to allow for expansion of the present facilities. Attention was called to the fact that the Maryland State Police is now renting 1.54 acres of land on which there have been erected a steel radio tower and ground wires and that the present lease expires November 1945, and that the terms of the lease give the Department an option to purchase the land at \$500.00. However, the Department requested authority for the purchase of the entire tract of 3.2 acres.


Secretary